vgas according to medical experts of the Indian Council of Medical Research as reported in the Hindustan Times of 13th May, 1986; and

ib) if so, what steps have been contemplaled by Government to save the victims of the gas disaster?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Governmen: are aware that deaths are occuring amongsit the gas affected population due to various causes including chronic lung diseases resulting from harmful effects on Ihe lung tissues which occured due to inhalation of gas.

(b) Necessary and appropriate treatment JS being given to gas victims for lung ailments including hospitalisation. Apart from this, the Indian Council of Medical Research is carrying out various research projects concerning problems of gas victims.

Charges against Associate Prof, of L.H.M.C. New Delhi

2038. SHRI F. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

'(a) whether it i_s a fact that cases of cheating and fraud against Associate Professors of Medicines posted at Lady Hardinge Medical Colieg (L.H.M.C.). New Delhi, are pending with the Vigilance Committee; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI) : SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) A com plaint of alleged mis-sitatement of facts by a_n Associate Professor of Medicine in the Lady Hardinge Medical College and Smt. S.K. Hospital. New Delhi during his visit to Udaipur in January, 1986 was received in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. From the report received from 'the Lady Hardinge Medical College authorities, it was found that he had been duly nominated by the Vice Chancellor, Delhi University as delegate of the University to attend the 41st Annual Conference of the Association of Physicians of India held at Udaipur from January, 18—22, 1986. He was provided accommodation at concessional rates as applicable to the officers on official duties.

Non availability of life-saving drugs in Sucheta Kripalani Hospital, New Delhi

2039. SHRl F.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY" WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director-General Health Services visited the Sucheta Kripalani Hospital, New Delhi, sometimes in October, 1985, and found that some life-saving drugs like Symthocillin, Dopamine were out of stock in the Hospital and due to non-availability of these medcines some $patient_s$ had died in *he hospital;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Minister of State for Health also visited the Hospital recently and found that a number of life-saving drugs were out of
stock in the said hospital; and

(c) if the reply to parts (a) and (b) above in the affirmative, the names of the officers found responsible for the above lapses and what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The Additional Director General of Health Services had visited the Institution if February, 1986. Subsequently the Minister of Sta>te for Health and Family Welfare also made a surprise visit to the Hospital. There has heen no shortage of life-saving drugs in the hospital.

Unused .Equipment in Sucheta Kripalani Hospital, New Delhi

2040. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Hindustan Times of 12th J'Hy, 1986 to the effect that equipment worth crores of rupees are being spoiled for want of proper care and are lying unused in the